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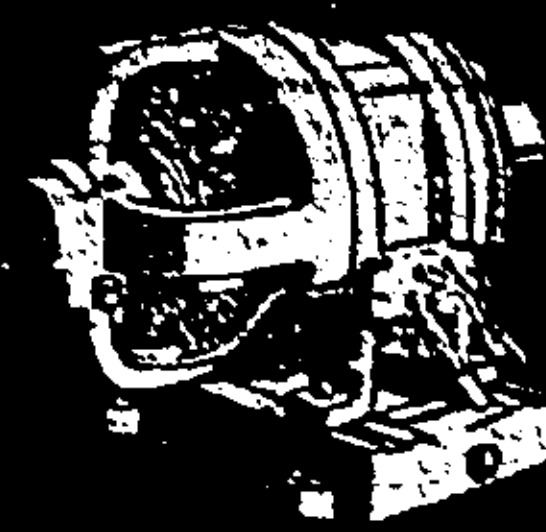
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EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

THE NANSANG GOLD ROBBERY.

Singapore, November 26.
On the arrival of the s.s. Nansang at Penang on 23rd inst. it was discovered that the ship's strong room had a hole in it and that six boxes of gold consigned to Penang, to the value of £6,000 sterling, had been extracted. The hole had been patched up and empty cases placed to cover up the spot. It is stated that three of the crew deserted at Singapore.

TYPHOON BATTERS SHIPS.

Singapore, November 26.
The three ships Hongmoh, Vitim, and Towa Maru arrived yesterday, battered by the typhoon. The Hongmoh fared worst. The Towa Maru lost 300 cases of sulphuric acid and one sailor is missing.

SINGAPORE EXCHANGE.

Singapore, November 26.
A *Gazette* Extraordinary fixes the Indian exchange at rupees 105 equal to 100 dollars, after the 27th inst. Orders despatched from the Straits will be paid at rupees 115 equal 100 dollars.

THE SHANTUNG PROBLEM.

Shanghai, November 26.
The Students' Unions, Street Unions and other organisations have passed resolutions of thanks to the American Senate for its Shantung stand and request the American press to continue its sympathetic attitude.

EXTENSIVE BRIBERY AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, November 26.
Three Chinese Police are on trial at the Mixed Court charged with bribery. The Police evidence points that bribery was attempted of the entire Hongkew station Chinese Police, sixteen shopkeepers contributing \$25 dollars monthly, allowing each of the 208 Police \$1.66.

SHANGHAI SPECIALS "DEMOBBED."

Shanghai, November 26.
The Special Constables are being demobilised on Thursday, the Council arranging for an inspection.

THANKSGIVING IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, November 26.
The Thanksgiving celebrations on Thursday will include Church services, dances and American football.

SHANGHAI MONEY MARKET.

Shanghai, November 26.
The money market is easier. The Banks are again buying export bills.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS ON THE MOVE.

Shanghai, November 26.
On receiving a report from the authority of Shinkian (East Turkestan) to the effect that over 100,000 Russian soldiers are collected in Samara with the intention of proceeding to Siberia, the Government has ordered the North-Western provincial authorities to strengthen the defence forces.

THE CABINET DEADLOCK.

Shanghai, November 26.
Kan Wan-Pang, the Premier, has declared that if Parliament does not assemble and vote on the appointment of Cabinet members in ten days' time, he will have them appointed directly by the President's mandate.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BOLSHEVIKS ROUTED.

Stockholm, Nov. 26.
From Helsingfors Denikin reports that he has broken through the Bolshevik front between Orel and Tatarsk, annihilating 33,000 Bolsheviks. The report adds that peasants and workmen in the manufacturing centres are revolting against the Soviet.

London, Nov. 26.
A "Times" Targa message of 14th inst. says that Koltchak is reported to be at Tatarskoe, 100 miles east of Omsk. The Reds yesterday were forty miles beyond Omsk. Koltchak's armies are retiring crossing the frozen Irtysh in most orderly fashion.

THE FRENCH CABINET.

Paris, Nov. 21.
The French Minister of Public Works, M. Clavelle, is to be appointed Chairman of the International Commission on the Rhine. According to the treaty of Versailles the Rhine becomes an international river, with French prominence concerning waterworks. Paris circles state the present Ministry is not likely to retire on account of the imminent Municipal, Senate and Presidential elections, which are considered politically as a whole. Therefore M. Clemenceau will retire when all electoral matters are settled.—Havas.

IMPERIAL WIRELESS.

London, Nov. 22.
The Government has appointed a committee to prepare a complete scheme of imperial wireless communications. Sir Henry Normans has been appointed chairman and there is a strong possibility, according to the experts, Sir John Snel, professors Retel and Jones and Mr. James Swannell.

THE PORTE'S CRY.

Constantinople, Nov. 22.
The Porte has appealed to the Peace Conference to hasten the Turkish settlement, pointing out the grave reasons for a speedy conclusion of peace.

OBITUARY.

London, Nov. 23.
The death is announced of Sir Guy Laking.
Sir Guy Francis Laking was Keeper and Secretary and Accounting Officer of the British Museum. He was born on 21st October, 1870. Trained as an architect, he later joined the famous firm of Christie. He was an authority on art and published many books, etc.

NOVEMBER HANDICAP.

Manchester, Nov. 22.
The Manchester November Handicap result is as follows:
1. King John (Whately); 2. Planet (Robbins); 3. Chat Tor (Shatwell). Seventeen ran.
The betting was: King John, 10-1; Planet, 10-1; Chat Tor, 9-2.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Paris, Nov. 21.
The Japanese Peace Delegation emphatically deny that Japan would have entered into negotiations in a neutral country with the Soviet Government.—Havas.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE TO JAPAN.

Paris, Nov. 21.
Monsignore Fumasoni Biondi, who was formerly in India, has been appointed Apostolic Delegate to Japan.—Havas.

WHEAT SUPPLIES.

New York, Nov. 22.
The embargo on wheat is to be lifted on 15th December.

THE EMPEROR.

New York, Nov. 22.
The ex-German Emperor, Kaiser Wilhelm, has been handed over to the British authorities.

THE MOTOR BANDITS.

FURTHER DETAILS OF YESTERDAY'S ESCAPE.

As reported yesterday, a gang of robbers made a daring attack on a money changer's shop at No. 40, Des Voeux Road West. Later incidents in the affair serve to show the extent of the daring they resorted to to effect a coup which, but for the plucky intervention of the Police, would have resulted in a serious loss for the shop. As it turns out, a number of persons were more or less seriously injured by shots fired by the robbers and a coolie who had the ill-luck to get into the way of the robbers whilst they were making their escape through Des Voeux Road was shot in the left side and died immediately after.

For the first time in Hongkong a motor car was brought into requisition by the robbers and the incidents which followed the acquisition of this useful means of escape savoured very much of the "dreadfulness" of the detective cinema serials.

Shortly before 1.45 p.m. yesterday, a Chinese came to the Star Garage and, planking down a sum of money, hired a car, which the driver was told to take to No. 40, Des Voeux Road West. Reaching the destination, the chauffeur was treated to a rude shock. A number of armed men emerging from the shop got into the car and the chauffeur was forced by means of revolvers to drive westward.

What had actually happened in the shop previous to this incident was as follows:—Four men at about 1.45 p.m. entered the shop and held up the folk with revolvers. Whilst this was being done, one of the intruders entered the accountant's room and from behind the counter unearthed a sum of money amounting to about \$3,700 in banknotes. This haul having been effected, the men rushed into the motor car which, as stated, had been requisitioned by another accomplice.

The car made off in a westerly direction along Des Voeux Road to escape from a locality which by now resembled a bee's hive, as the news of the affair got abroad, and whistles were being blown on every hand. An Indian constable was the first to fire upon the robbers, the bullets missing their mark and entering the hood of the car. The fire was returned with interest by the robbers, who

now induced the chauffeur to put on more speed to escape from the danger, which the presence of so many constables who had by now come on the scene produced. The car was soon lost sight of by the pursuing force.

Meanwhile, reinforcements were sent to No. 40, Des Voeux Road, and these evidently had the effect of compelling the bandits to abandon the car in Collinson Road.

In the meantime every street in the Western District was patrolled by the Police and an active look-out was kept for the robbers. Fresh reinforcements came from the Central Police Station under the direction of the A. S. P., Mr. C. Parry, and Chief Inspector Kerr. The whole of the detective staff under C.D.I. Marison were also called out.

The robbers evidently dispersed after abandoning the car. Three of them were traced to a tea-house in Catchick Street. Here an exciting revolver duel was witnessed. Sergeant Clark, in pursuing the robbers, was shot at by one of them in front of the tea shop and was slightly wounded in the left thigh. The Sergeant, notwithstanding this, and in spite of the fact that he was unarmed, his revolver having been lost in the chase, pluckily grappled with his assailant and after a hard struggle overpowered him.

In subsequent events in connection with the chase of the robbers, a Chinese detective was shot in the right elbow, and another seriously wounded in the abdomen. The other two robbers, after their escape from the tea house were known to have escaped up the hillside. A search party was accordingly organised and the robbers were subsequently arrested after an exchange of shots on the hillside above Jubilee Road. The one arrested by Detective Sergeant Field had his right hand wounded by a shot from the Sergeant whilst holding his revolver.

The bullets used by the robbers were of the No. 22 calibre. The Police now have five revolvers captured from the robbers.

The casualty list as issued by the Police is as follows:—
A Chinese detective No. 48, shot through the right elbow by the robbers in the tea house affray.

A Chinese constable, No. 805, shot in the abdomen. He is now in a serious condition at the Government Civil Hospital.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 5s. 7 1/2d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—fine. Barometer:—30.10 Temperature 2 p.m.:—71. Humidity 2 p.m.:—63.

MILITARY SERVICE.

HONGKONG ORDINANCE TO BE REPEALED.

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE DEFENCE CORPS.

The following information has been forwarded to us to-day by the Hon. Colonial Secretary:—
"It is proposed to introduce an Ordinance at the next meeting of the Legislative Council repealing the Military Service Ordinance (Ordinance No. 19 of 1917) from the end of the present year."

It was under this Ordinance that the Defence Corps was created, and it is, therefore, presumed that military service for residents will revert to its voluntary status under the Volunteer Ordinance and the Volunteer Reserve Ordinance.

The date of the next Council meeting at which this new Ordinance will be introduced has not yet been announced.

Li Tin Sui, a Chinese employed in a shop at Des Voeux Road, who was shot in the right arm by the robbers while they were making their escape in the car. A street coolie seriously wounded in the chest by the robbers in Taipingshan Street.

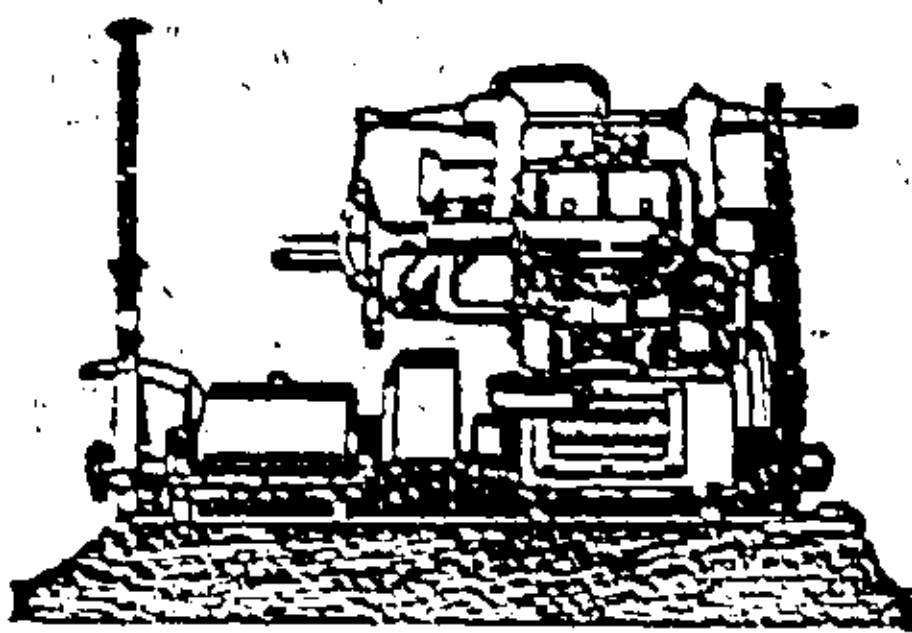
A shop coolie, who has succumbed to the wound he received in the left side caused by a shot from one of the robbers whilst they were being chased by an Indian constable in Des Voeux Road.

Sergeant Clark (No. 113) who was slightly wounded in the left thigh.

Two of the three robbers captured were wounded, one in the leg and the other in the arm. On their persons \$1,408.41 were recovered. The stolen money was all in Indo-China, Straits Settlements and Hongkong notes, and if the numbers of these were known, they would form a valuable clue to the capture of the two escaped robbers.



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AN AMAZING HUNAN MEETING.

A correspondent of the N. C. D. N., writes from Changsha under date of Nov. 10:—The following is a translation of an account of a secret meeting convened by the Changsha county magistrate which was written by one of the gentry present and given by him to a friend who happens also to be a friend of the translator. I do not know the name of the writer, but the "mutual" friend assures me that the writer is not a man who would pervert the truth. When I first read the paper, I could but think that it was meant as a joke on the county magistrate; but one and another Chinese reader of the paper has told me that the account is exactly what they have heard from others who attended the meeting. No Chinese suspects anything in the account. I am translating it in its entirety. It speaks for itself without need of comment.

From time of the arrival of the Tschun, Chang Chin-yao, in Hunan, he has been devising every means possible to scrape all the money that he can lay hold of, no odds by what manner or what means it can be got. He has just conceived a most strange heaven-given opportunity. If his plan is carried out, it will mean utter ruin to all the fathers, sons and brothers of Hunan. During the month, October, the Changsha county magistrate received orders to assemble all the country gentry under his control at his official residence. The assembly was to be quite secret. The order stated that the gentry were to persuade the farmers to grow opium in order to raise revenue in a way that would bring profit to the private purse. The main drift of the meeting was as follows:—

The magistrate in announcing the matter said:—The Commander-in-chief ("Ta Shuai") the title formerly given by military officials, but not generally used by civil officials, to the viceroy of a province) sees that you Hunanese since the time he came into the province have suffered from the evils of the military, of flood and of drought until you are as poor as can be. Because of this, he has thought out an excellent plan for you which will open up new sources of wealth. Embrace the opportunity given you without delay—Sow Opium. Crops sown in the ninth (lunar) month can be gathered in the third month. People and soldiers will all be able to get opium. Just now the price of opium is exceedingly high. This will enable you to make big profits. Moreover, the C.I.C. will himself be able to gain some little "fertilization" that will enable him to meet the military expenses of the province. Fearing, perchance, that there may be in Hunan "foolish" (the old "Yumin" of the Manchu official proclamations crops up again), senseless people who are afraid to act in this way, I have specially called you together that I may make the matter clear to you. In all your districts, you must explain to the farmers that four-tenths of their fields should be sown with opium. The remainder will be left for the rice crops. At the time of gathering the rice crops, the revenue will be proportionate to the crop: One ounce of opium will pay one dollar. This plan will not only be no hindrance to the farming, it will produce very large profits and the two sides (i.e., farmers and government) will both be enriched. I think the Hunanese will be delighted.

Having listened to the Hsien some of the foremost men in the audience rose and controverted the matter. They said: "Opium is strictly forbidden. If we were to act in this way, we should be disobeying the orders of the Central Government, and should incur heavy penalties. The people of Hunan will not dare to act as you wish in this matter." The Hsien answered: "You know perfectly well that there can be no trust between the North and South. The Northern Government is not to be relied on; the Southern Government is not to be trusted. In the future, there will certainly be countless forms of government. The C.I.C. is here and will be your protector. If you say, 'Our good name will not stand erect; our words will not be as we should like them to be; we cannot act thus.'—the C.I.C. has thought of this difficulty and has devised a capital plan. At the time of paying the tax on the opium, you need not call it a 'tax,' call it a 'fine.' The C.I.C. will give you a receipt for your money using that phraseology.

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Again there was opposition. They said: "When Tan Yen-kai was the governor in Hunan, he made strict search for all smokers of opium. Some were executed for smoking; others were fined. All the people came to regard opium as their enemy. They will not dare to recommence smoking. If they begin to grow opium, there will be no market for the crop. Suppose that some of the farmers do not believe the C.I.C. has these 'virtuous' intentions with regard to them and fear that if they sow opium they will be forbidden to reap their crops, or even that they will be hereafter involved in trouble for attempting to grow opium—What are we to say to them? Up to now there has been strict forbidding of opium growing: the Treaties are concerned in this. Two years ago, foreigners came to investigate as to whether opium was being raised in the province or not. Suppose that now the Church should get to know about this matter and should inform the Consuls and there should arise friction at the Foreign Office—How will that be?" The Hsien replied: "When the C.I.C. came to this province he brought with him more than 10,000 'opium pipes' (the word used by the Hsien is the ordinary word for 'gun'; it has long been also used for the larger pipes). At present a good many Hunanese are taking to opium. There will be no difficulty in finding a market. As to harm befalling the people—the soldiers of the C.I.C. will protect them from any harm on that score. The C.I.C. accepts all responsibility with regard to foreigners. Be quite easy in your minds about that."

After breaking up, the gentry requested the Hsien to issue a proclamation in order to show the people that the authorization was authentic. But the request was without result. I hear that the officials have met several times to see if they can devise any means of giving such an authorization. But they are of opinion that nothing can be done in that direction and yet in some way or other the people must be brought to raise opium. Whether by coercion or whether by coaxing, the Hunanese must be led to grow opium in order to raise revenue. (Thus the paper closes).

PRACTICAL SCHOOLING.

ALL SUBJECTS FROM
GARDENING TO
MILLINERY.

With the object of providing more practical instruction, a scheme is proposed to the London County Council for the advanced teaching of the more intelligent children in elementary schools by means of an extension of the central school system.

The policy advocated, says the Elementary Education Sub-Committee, is to transfer from elementary schools to secondary and central schools all pupils capable of going beyond Standard VII, before reaching the age of 13. Such pupils are two standards above the normal for their age. Removal should, as far as possible, take place at the age of 11.

At the same time new methods must be introduced for teaching the mass of children between 11 and 14, who remain behind in the elementary schools.

At present there are 50 central schools with ultimate provision for 60. It is desirable to provide for at least as additional 40, making 100 in all, and requiring an annual draft of from 8,000 to 9,000 pupils, or from 2,000 to 3,000 more than at present. Courses of instruction in these schools should in future approximate to five years.

On the subject of improved teaching in ordinary elementary schools, the committee quotes a report of a committee on juvenile education in relation to employment, which says:—"Education is a mental process, but the truth that for many children, especially those who live by their hands, the best avenue to the mind is through the hands. Has not yet worked its complete revolution in the pedagogic methods of the nineteenth century."

There must be established, says the committee, a proper balance in the curriculum between the practical and the literary subjects, and there is no proposal that the humanities should be neglected.

For the boys' schools in particular there should be plenty of practical arithmetic and geometrical drawing. Much greater attention should be given in all schools to drawing. Practical instruction, such as cookery, laundry work, housewifery, dairy work, handicrafts, and gardening, should be on a much wider basis, and there might be in suitable schools classes in millinery and tailoring. More attention should be given in girls' schools to dress-making, and, finally, teachers should be encouraged to introduce the prefect system in both boys' and girls' schools.

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CHURCH CONGRESS AND SPIRITUALISM.**SIR A. CONAN DOYLE CHALLENGED.**

Spiritualism was the chief topic at the resumed Church Congress proceedings at Leicester recently.

The discussion was marked by a recognition of the importance of the subject, and at the close the Archbishop of Canterbury announced that it would be considered at the Lambeth Palace Conference next year. It had not, he said, been overlooked by the Church.

A paper on "The Christian Doctrine of the Future," with Special Reference to Spiritualism," led to the discussion.

Dr. Inge, Dean of St. Paul's, was the first speaker. He said it was only in modern times and most strongly in the half-century before the war, that the belief in eternal life had lost its roots in the soul.

We could not go back to the crude eschatology of the past, but we need not warn Churchmen against the pitiable revival of necromancy, in which many desolate and bleeding hearts had sought a spurious satisfaction. If this kind of after-life were true, it would indeed be a melancholy postponement or negation of all that we hoped and believed about our blessed dead.

WAR LOSSES AND SPIRITUALISM. The Dean of Manchester attributed the considerable development in the practices of spiritualism to the enormous and distressing loss of life in the great war.

Dealing with professed communications from the departed, he referred to the late Mr. Stainton Moses. The heaven which appeared in his communications was the heaven of the Oxford movement, whereas the heaven which was portrayed in the "Raymond" communications was the heaven of modern theological liberalism. (Laughter.)

Canon McClure next read a paper in which he held that the source of the spiritualism of today reached no further back than the middle of the 18th century and to the later views of the Swedish seer, Emanuel Swedenborg.

He gave recent instances of the results of investigation, remarking that Mrs. Lennard's bricks, made of condensed gas, and her whisky, sodas and cigars, as in use in the spirit world, added to our perplexities. He regarded it as a danger to the mental sanity of the nation that neurotic persons should be accepted as channels between the living and the dead. The Christian religion offered in the Apostolic doctrine of the com-

munion of saints, gave infinitely more solace to the bereaved than spiritualism could give.

SIR A. CONAN DOYLE CHALLENGED.

The Rev. J. A. V. Magee, son of the late Archbishop Magee, in closing the discussion, said spiritualism was more than a craze—it was a passion. There were earnest seekers, but there was also a vast amount of fraud. He jocularly alluded to the results of some seances. Cardinal Newman was found to have forgotten his Latin by using the word "benedicite," instead of "benedicite." George Eliot forgot his grammar, and Julius Caesar got into a muddle in his geography. (Laughter.) The late Mr. Stead got some communication from Myers, who informed the world that he was wandering through the shades looking for Tennyson. (More laughter.)

Take the case of "Raymond." Oh, the pitableness of some of these communications!

"If," said Mr. Magee, "the life beyond be as 'Raymond' describes it, I would personally prefer to take unfurnished lodgings in Gehenna."

"I here challenge Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to deny, if he dare, that this thing involves a grave peril to the mental, moral, and spiritual life." (Cheers.) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle had (continued Mr. Magee), with what he could only call "culpability," asked every young woman in the country to try her hand at mediumship.

He (Mr. Magee) had seen a woman stark, staring mad under the influence of "planchette," believing herself to be inspired by a very high authority in the world beyond, and lying on the floor with bare feet expecting the stigmata. His own doctor told him a fortnight ago of a married man and his wife who had gone stark mad from this thing, and a woman in London told him of her daughter who, since being controlled by a spirit, had become transformed in character and transformed for the worse.

There was nothing more perilous, and this could be proved by any doctor, except Sir A. Conan Doyle, from one end of the country to the other. He invited the Church to take up the subject and to appoint a committee of investigation.

AT LAMBETH CONFERENCE. The Archbishop of Canterbury told the Congress that, so far from being over-looked, this was one of the subjects which was to be considered by the Lambeth Conference next year. "The Bishops would have before them the results of careful inquiry by the best men and women with the knowledge and experience of this great subject. (Cheers.)"

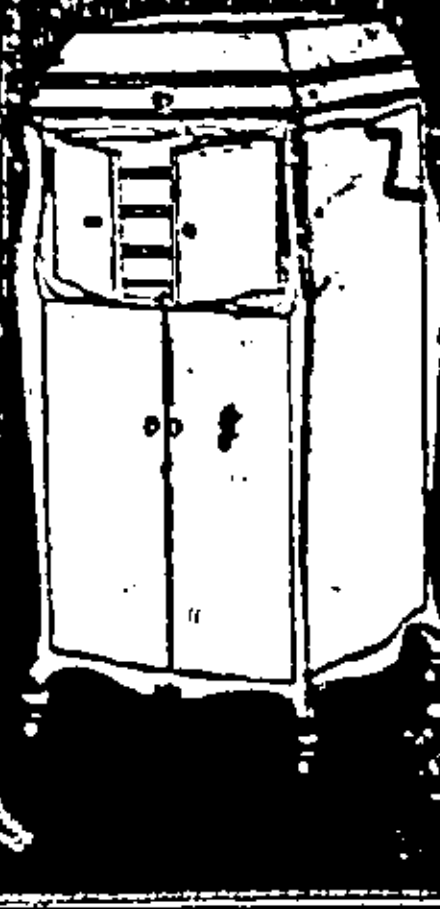
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CHILD LABOUR SCANDAL.**SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO WORK TOO LONG.**

Amongst all the clamour for a shorter day no one seems to have advocated any form of pressure to prevent the exploitation of children of school age. It must be remembered that they are at school for five and a half hours to begin with, and that school makes a very considerable drain upon the vitality of little people under fourteen.

The Medical Sub-Committee of Warrington Education Committee has published some striking figures as to child labour in that town. Several hundreds of children under eleven years are employed out of school hours. One girl of seven works 7½ hours weekly, another works 21 hours for 6d., and a girl of nine is employed 14 hours for the same wage.

A boy of eight years works 2½ hours every day and eight hours on Saturday for 2s.; another, aged nine, works 18 hours a week in a bakehouse. A lad of 10 works 25 hours a week, of which 13 are on a Saturday. A girl aged 10 washes, peels and chips potatoes for 20 hours a week for the sum of 1s. Not one of the 721 cases investigated got proper remuneration with the exception of the boys who sell and deliver newspapers.

TOO SLEEPY TO LEARN. Sir George Newman gives the following instances in his report to the Board of Education:—

Errand boy age 12, works an hour before breakfast, one hour at mid-day, four hours after school, and 13 hours on Saturday. His wages are 1s. 9d. a week, and his teacher reports him inattentive in school, over-tired and nervous.

Boy of 11 worked 2½ hours before school, 2½ hours after school, and 13 hours on Saturday. Teacher reports he often fell asleep in school.

Boy of 11 works in and about stables for eight hours a day, and 14 hours on Saturdays. Wages 6d. a week and his food. Teacher reports that he is dull and languid in school.

Th-n Mr. Spurlay Hey, Director of Education in Manchester, says that in that city there are 6,000 children of school age employed for profit, some of whom work for 40 hours a week in addition to their time in school.

In Birmingham there are 9,000 school children similarly employed, several hundreds of whom work over 40 hours a week, and one poor little child who works over 70 hours a week.

DANCE OF GLOBULES.**NEW CURATIVE SUBSTANCE SHOWN.**

Not everyone can become enthusiastic at the sight of sphygmomanometers, asthesiometers, haemoglobinometers, haemocytometers, or even the virtues of ampoules, which contain injections used in the production of "Twilight Sleep."

For this reason, no doubt, admittance to the ninth London Medical Exhibition—the first since the outbreak of war—which opened recently at the Central Hall, Westminster, is strictly confined to the medical profession.

A *Daily Chronicle* representative, however, discovered amidst a strange assortment of exhibits a real bombardment in progress—though, fortunately, a noiseless one. Within a drop of solution a billion particles could be seen (by the aid of an ultra-microscope magnifying 1,500 times) all actively attacking the molecules of the surrounding fluid, a battle which will continue incessantly for over two years to come.

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CHEAPER HOUSES.

Hongkong is not by any means the only place where the housing problem has reached an acute stage. High rates of rent and a decided scarcity of dwelling-places are common to most civilised centres at the moment. At Home, various schemes are under way for the purpose of bringing relief to householders and to those who cannot find accommodation, whilst in America experiments are being carried out with a view to cheapening the cost of construction. The era of high rentals and increased cost of building has stirred thinkers to action for faster and more economical construction. We read, for instance, that the other day, under the personal supervision of Edison, the inventor, a cement house was begun and completed in the States just ten days after the first material was delivered on the site. That shows what can be done by standardisation. We realise, of course, that what is possible in Europe and America may not be possible here in Hongkong, though we should like to feel that there are alert minds on our midst turning over the question of reform, both in the interests of rapid construction and cheap building of houses. The other day, a correspondent suggested that frame dwelling houses might be introduced here. We should like to hear the views of local architects and builders on this point.

In Europe and the United States, whilst the building industry has made great strides in the last generation, yet it has not advanced as other industries where parts are highly standardised and made interchangeable and to economical quantity production. Buildings are still "made" or "built" rather than manufactured or constructed as in the case of cheap watches or clocks, sewing machines, typewriters or low-priced motor cars. Most of the reforms in building methods have been for monumental, commercial and industrial structures rather than the average dwelling houses that most people can afford to occupy. And the reason has been a good one. Up until now there has not been the economic demand. And with the demand there will be the supply of reform. Economic necessity is the mother, father, nurse and school teacher of accomplishment. In America, the steel, stone, terra cotta and wood parts of a structure are now cut or formed in well ordered manufacturing plants, equipped with power machine tools, they are numbered, taken to the building site and put into place. But it still requires from 90 to 120 days to build the average frame dwelling house. Moreover, these dwelling houses cannot be economically constructed one or two at a time as is usually the case. According to the standardised plan they must be constructed in large numbers and all at once. Either a large number of individual owners must agree to build at once, or the project must be in the hands of a real estate agent who will complete the houses and sell to individual owners according to demand. In this way the property agent will perform a function much after the manner of the merchant who assembles a stock of standardised manufactured goods for the convenience of the community.

Whether it is possible to reduce the cost of building locally by the introduction of new methods is a matter which is best dealt with by experts in the question, though we can conceive that the Colony's building regulations would have to be very much modified before anything in this nature could come about. With cost of labour much cheaper than at Home, the question is often asked by laymen why building should be so expensive here. Possibly the slowness with which the native works and the immeasurably larger number of workmen required on a job than at Home are the principal factors. In the Straits, when the Housing Commission sat, it was discovered that prices of materials were being kept high by a ring of contractors. Possibly that is true of Hongkong also. The Government might do worse than look into the matter, anyhow. Be that as it may, present circumstances demand that fresh ideas shall be brought to bear on this housing question. We must keep abreast with the times. Otherwise we cannot hope to see the problem solved.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Fifty-five years ago, Abraham Lincoln ordained that the last Thursday in November should be observed as an annual festival of thanksgiving in the United States. It has so been observed ever since. In essence, Thanksgiving Day is a national harvest celebration, and was first observed by the Plymouth Fathers at Plymouth in 1621, after they gathered their first harvest. Once again, "Thanksgiving" has come round, and though it is not being officially celebrated locally, most of our American friends are foregathering at private functions. Here in the Orient, far from the Homeland, their memories will take them back to days gone by, when, amidst joyous surroundings, families were reunited and a spirit comparable only to our own feelings at Christmastide prevailed. It is on such days that the American community here gets closer together, realising the bonds of a common nationality, than at any other time of the year. Thoughts will fly homeward to-day, but, though in self-imposed exile, Uncle Sam's citizens know that they are amidst true friends in this British Colony. On this their day of happiness and joy, we extend to them our felicitations, glad in the knowledge that never were Britishers and Americans more firmly bound together in ties of true friendship than at the present time.

A DANGEROUS TRESPASS.

When mere man begins to talk about ladies' fashions he is trespassing on a very righteously held prerogative of women folk, and he is also treading on very dangerous ground. The writer does not pretend to know anything at all about women's fashions, and he must instantly say so, or "Sacha" of our Ladies' Page will begin to feel an animosity for which there is no cause. Man is only privileged to talk about fashions when some other man has had the temerity to raise the topic, and that is the present writer's excuse. In yesterday's *Canton Times* it says that at the 64th meeting of the Canton City Police Officers' those present discussed "the scandalous trend of the present fashion in women's dress. They claim that the coats of the ladies are getting shorter, as are also the trousers and skirts". The enterprising reporter of this meeting goes on to add a few thoughts of his own, saying: "To the unacquainted this action of the police will seem very strange, but the fact is that our policemen, who are evidently zealous upholders of the Confucian precepts, see danger in this trend of fashion. The Sage gave as much of his time as to the propriety of dress as has any moralist of standing in the Western world, unless it be Addison with his tea-table philosophy. But for Kwan Chung," said the master, "we should now be wearing our hair unbound and the lappels of our coats buttoning on the left side". Readers of these notes will be inclined to remark on what a terrible fate was thus averted. If it were possible we should like to give the hint to Canton Police officials that if they are seeking to stay the "progress" of women's fashions they have embarked on a very hopeless task. The Rev. F. B. Meyer has been holding forth lately on the fashion question, but except to make himself even more notorious has not out much else. Does he ever hope to?

HONGKONG'S PLAGUE SPOT.

AN OLD RESIDENT'S VIEWS.

A gentleman, who has been in the Colony for very many years, interviewed on the vice question, expressed himself in the following terms: "If you abolish these houses, you will have a lot of sly brothels. Many years ago when medical examination was compulsory, the women used to go to the hospital once a week, which was a necessary precaution. But this practice has, I believe, been abandoned. Most places recognise the evil, but put it out of sight, although in some they do not. I do not care what legislation you bring about, you cannot stop it. It is an evil which will not be stamped out in any country. Most of the danger to health, on which there is so much pious indignation, is from the sly houses and not the public ones. I personally think that these houses should be allowed to remain. As regards the practice of these women to make visitors sign chits for drinks, I cannot express an opinion. If it is true, the authorities may intervene and stop it. There is a Police office those duty it is to watch these places, I believe."

THE ONLY RULE.

There is a train of thought suggested by the above in connection with the adoption of Western dress by various Eastern women. One sees here in Hongkong, and in the many Ports out East where Western women have come to stay, that their Eastern sisters—the more well-to-do section of them—have freely adopted Western dress, at least so far as the skirt is concerned. The Chinese have discarded their trousers, the Japanese their kimono, and the Malays their sarong, and one is given to wonder whether time will ever bring about a universality of dress among the men and women of the earth. Certain it is that if that time ever does come it is a very long way distant. Perhaps it is that climatic conditions will always govern the style—it certainly always will govern the amount. Humanity would lose a good deal of the picturesque and artistic, and after all is said and done, dress is in many cases a national characteristic of undoubted value. There is only one rule to lay down in this connection—let the women please themselves. The

DAY BY DAY.

THE POWER TO DO GREAT THINGS, GENERALLY ARISES FROM THE WILLINGNESS TO DO SMALL THINGS.

Once again, the return of communicable diseases yesterday was blank.

Mr. J. Pringle left for Home by the Rhesus yesterday. Mr. N. S. Brown travelled to Singapore by the same boat.

The Panama Maru, which arrived yesterday from Singapore, sustained severe damage owing to a typhoon.

A report and criticism of the pianoforte recital given at the Helena May Institute last evening by Professor Sklarevsky will be found in to-day's Musical Jottings.

Mr. Justice Gompertz, who has resumed his duties as Puisne Judge at the Supreme Court, must have created something of a record on his arrival here on Monday. Although he did not land until practically mid-day, he was presiding in his Court at 2.15. After long leave this certainly is "getting a move on."

Although there has been no official public celebration by the American community of Thanksgiving Day there have been quite a number of private functions held. The offices of the American Consulate General were closed, and the day has been observed as a holiday by most of the American business men.

The Panama Maru, which King Edward to lie alongside the Blake Pier so as to obstruct the free access of other vessels thereto, at 11.45 p.m. on the 19th instant, the master was to-day fined \$20 by Captain Basil Taylor, R.N. Inspector Cashman said he found the defendant's launch tied up alongside Blake Pier, causing obstruction. She was not landing or embarking passengers or cargo. She had been lying there twenty minutes.

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A MAIL MUDDLE.

HONGKONG LETTERS WHICH CAME BACK.

Registered letters posted here in August last for Home will have travelled over 30,000 miles before reaching their destination. They were carried to England via Suez, brought back to Hongkong by the same ship and have now been despatched via Canada. That is what the following notification issued by the Hongkong Post Office amounts to:—

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man who tries to interfere is going to have a pretty warm time of it as well as having his advice ignored. Men who think that women are going to perdition because of the fashion of their dress had better wake up to the realisation that women are always a little more civilised than men.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

[BY "ENHARMONIC"]

The week has been another very dull period musically, but signs show that better times are coming. Since Mr. Chapman gave his organ recital in the Union Church last Wednesday, nothing public has occurred in a musical way to enliven us, and, although it has been said often before, the truth of it demands the re-statement that it is time that things were different. In connection with the arrival of the Wilshire Regiment residents generally must have been greatly heartened to learn that the regiment brings with it a very fine band, and we can safely say that Bandmaster Easton and the men under him will receive a very glad welcome when they make a public appearance. They come among us at a time when there is a real agitation for a public band, and they will fill a want that is undoubtedly keen.

One wonders whether their advent will cause a shelving of the question of the Colony having a real band of its own. Personally, I hope that it will not, for in addition to the presence of a military band there is ample room here for a band that could be utilised on all occasions, such as Theatre engagements, dances, etc. Concerts in the Public Gardens could easily be made a feature of summer evenings—in fact there is not much need to go into arguments; they are easily apparent.

As I predicted last week, the band of H.M.S. Hawkins will fortunately be available for the St. Andrew's Ball which takes place to-morrow night. At the practice dance on Tuesday last the band was in attendance and everyone present was delighted with the dance music it played. This was its second appearance for local dancing purposes (it played at the U.S.C. dance on Monday), and practically the whole of those on the floor spoke of the pleasure they were deriving from it. To-morrow night will certainly be "some" night—but I must talk music and not fall to the temptation of prattling about my personal pleasurable anticipations.

At the Helena May Institute last evening a real musical treat was given—one of a kind too infrequently heard here. It had been announced that Miss Betsy Wyers would give a pianoforte recital, but, owing to the fact that she had not arrived in the Colony, Professor Sklarevsky, deputised. Readers require no introduction to this talented pianist, who is well-known by reason of his previous visits. The Professor has had a long stay in Manila recently where he has given a number of concerts, and has also made a big name for himself as a teacher. He arrived in Hongkong a few days ago, and last evening gave a recital at the Peak Club. He left by the Empress to-day for New York.

Before dealing with the actual music played at the Helena May, one must enter a protest regarding the piano which Professor Sklarevsky was asked to perform upon. Without mincing words, it was a "positive insult to the artist and a disgrace to the Institute. It may have been a good one once, but last evening it was in a shocking state—not in want of tuning, but in want of repairing. All the charm of the bass passages was ruined—but the whole of what one could say can be summed up in the word "disgraceful." Members of the Institute ought to get busy asking a few questions about it.

As an artist Sklarevsky cannot be questioned. He infuses into all his work a depth of feeling and an attention to expression that stamps him as a player with a soul. His is not just the flawless reproduction of written music, it is the re-embodiment into a work of the very spirit of the composer. A master of technique, he is at ease in the most difficult passages. But there is something more than brilliant execution—there is positive individuality. I do not intend to go into detail through the whole programme, for I should be tempted to say more than could be encompassed in the space allowed me. Below I will give the full programme, but must first refer to one or two pieces that were particularly striking.

The suite of four compositions by Mendelssohn were of great

TROUBLE ON TROOP-SHIP.

A TRIMMER CHARGED.

W. Reynolds, trimmer of the s.s. Trazos Montes, was prosecuted this morning before Captain Basil Taylor, R.N., Marine Magistrate, for assaulting the third mate on board the same ship at 11 a.m. on the 18th instant, whilst the vessel was on her way from London to Hongkong.

Thomas Henry Jones, third mate of the Trazos Montes, said that on the 18th instant, while the ship was at Singapore lying alongside Tanjong Pagar, he was on duty on the gangway. He saw defendant on shore, against orders. He told him to come on board and he did so. He asked if he was aware that he was not allowed on shore. He did not answer. He walked along a few yards then turned round and said something and gathered a crowd of soldiers. Witness told him to move along quietly, laying his hand on his left shoulder. Defendant turned round and struck witness on his upper lip, and two sentries came and took him away. Witness could not say whether he was sober or not.

Cross-examined by defendant: "How did I gather the soldiers together?—You were saying something I could not hear, as I was too far away, and they stood round laughing."

Lt. H. R. Hicks, of the Wilshire Regiment, said he was standing talking to the last witness on the starboard side of the deck. He heard Mr. Jones give an order to come on board, but he took no notice. The order was repeated and obeyed. Defendant remained on the gangway and refused to go any further. Mr. Jones then ordered him forward and defendant turned round and struck him in the mouth. Defendant, examined, said he went ashore by a gangway. He had not received any order about going ashore, and had no permission to go ashore. While he was on the wharf Mr. Jones hailed him to go on board. He went up to the gangway and Mr. Jones asked him whether he did not know that he was not allowed ashore. Defendant replied that he did not know anything about it. When leaving Mr. Jones, defendant spoke to one of the soldiers for whom he had bought some singlets; asking him if he had got them all right. Defendant then walked away. Mr. Jones came after defendant and punched him twice on the neck, so he struck him back.

The case was remanded till to-morrow morning.

charm. In direct contrast to the majestic Funeral March came the light and essentially active "Spinning Wheel," followed by the "Hunting Song." The galloping rhythm of the piece was well emphasised, especially where the theme is sustained by the left hand—a passage difficult of execution. An encore simply had to be given and Chopin's Valse was the selection. I might have mentioned that it is as a Chopin player that Sklarevsky is so well liked. Balakirev's "Skylark" was a wonderfully played little work, the difficulties of the composition proving in this case no bar to a free and sympathetic rendition. "In the C-major" gave the artist an opportunity to show his ability to render pianissimo passages, but that wretched piano—!! I might go on for a long time, but I hope to have further opportunity to speak of this brilliant pianist.

The full programme was:—
Beethoven, 32 Variations in C minor.
Mendelssohn, (a) Barcarolle, (b) Funeral-March, (c) Spinning-Wheel (d) Hunting Song.
Rachmaninov, Melodie.
Balakirev, Skylark.
Scriabin, 3 Preludes.
Borodine, In the Convent.
Wagner-Liszt, Death of Isolde.

I notice in a Shanghai paper that a very serious effort is being made by the organisation of the Shanghai-Scottish to recruit a pipe band, and the journal, in commenting on that fact, wishes the movement "every success." Because I personally have not a very keen appreciation for bagpipe music—I simply don't like it—that does not prevent me from saying that I hope the Shanghai-Scottish will get their band, for there is nothing more appropriate to a body of Scottish soldiers than good pipe music. It gives a very martial touch to things and when they are on the swing to its strain the sight is eminently pleasing. The writer of the article in question has incorporated some interesting facts and reminiscences, and after such a support Shanghai Scotsmen should find the incentives to get together for this purpose.

HONGKONG HOTEL SENSATION.

EUROPEAN SKIPPER BADLY INJURED.

The serenity of the Hongkong Hotel was disturbed this afternoon by a strange occurrence. At a quarter to 3 o'clock, Captain J. A. L. Taylor, of the Indo-China S.S. Company, fell from the verandah of the second floor of the Hotel, just in front of the entrance on Pedder Street.

The first person to notice the fall was a Hongkong Hotel runner. He found Captain Taylor lying on the ground unconscious. A motor car was immediately requisitioned and he was taken to the Government Civil Hospital. He soon regained consciousness. He sustained a compound fracture of the left leg and severe cuts on the head.

The Police arrived on the scene soon after and instituted exhaustive enquiries. Captain Taylor, it is expected, will be in hospital for many weeks.

MILITARY MEDAL.

PRESENTED TO HONGKONG POLICE OFFICER.

This afternoon, at the Central Police Station compound, H.E., the Governor presented the Military Medal to Sergt. Hutchins, of the Police Force in the presence of a large gathering of members of the Force.

Sergt. Hutchins, who as a constable left Hongkong early in the war for the Front, joined the 1st King Edward's Horse on December 15th, 1918, and saw service in Southern Italy. He was demobilised in February of this year and on return to the Colony was promoted Lance Sergeant.

This afternoon's proceedings will be more fully reported in to-morrow's issue.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

It would seem almost incredible were it not vouched for on good authority (says the *Manchester Guardian*) that women touring the battlefields have been seen removing steel helmets from the rude crosses marking the lonely graves of soldiers, and that parties of tourists have been met boasting of their trophies. It must be taken as another proof that there is no law of decency governing the tourist who is also a confirmed souvenir hunter. In these people is the true embodiment of Jekyll and Hyde—at home and in their ordinary conduct they may be excellent citizens with at least the ordinary standard of public and private decency; when they are souvenir hunting they are entirely different people.

The girl in one corner of the carriage was reading Charlotte Brontë's "Villette." Her companion was buried in the first volume of "Sinister Street," remarks the *Daily News*. Desultory fragments of conversation, only possible when there was a simultaneous turning of leaves, indicated that they were both employed in a Government department. The girl in the opposite corner, who was obviously a clerk or typist, never lifted her head from the pages of Mr. Conrad's "Victory." It made one doubt whether one could find a penny novelette in the whole length of that suburban train. A suburban bookseller, on being questioned, remarked that the sale and circulation of the more ephemeral type of novel is as extensive as ever, but its chief patron is the middle-aged woman. He would not, however, go so far as to assent to a generalisation that the mothers are reading the light and popular fiction, whilst their daughters are devoting themselves to a study of the younger and more serious school of novelists—"although it sometimes seems like it," he cautiously added.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough to-day sold, by order of the Marshal of the Prize Court, the steam launch, Blackhead. The Hongkong Government were the purchasers at \$7,500.

THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL.

A LOCAL ANOMALY.

A good many long-serving soldiers in Hongkong, mostly of warrant and senior non-commissioned rank, are feeling very sore just now, because it has been made known to them that they are not entitled to the General Service Medal being awarded to all men who proceeded overseas during the recent war.

The situation has arisen by reason of the fact that a quantity of this medal ribbon has recently been received by the Ordnance Department and application has been made for an issue. To all those military men who were serving in Hongkong when war broke out, the Chief Ordnance Officer has replied that they cannot be given the ribbon because it is only to those men who left home during the period of hostilities for service overseas. By reason of the fact that these men were already serving overseas when war broke out and have not left the Colony in the meantime, they are not eligible for the medal.

There must be close on fifty men so affected—men who have mostly a good few more years to serve. Quite a number of them have received the Meritorious Service Medal for valuable services rendered during the war, and it does seem an anomaly that they should be denied the lesser valued G. S. M. Incidentally W. A. A. C. who went overseas to do garrison work not only, and so does any man who went abroad to do garrison work during the war, but all men who were in garrisons before the war and have stayed there, many of them against their own desires, do not. If these regular soldiers are going to be denied the G. S. M., then members of the Defence Corps would not seem to have much cause to grumble because their own service is not going to be recognised.

We understand that the question of these time-serving soldiers and their right to the medal has been referred Home for a War Office decision. It means a lot to a senior rank man in the service to have nothing to show for the time he spent in the Army during the war.

WORLD'S SHIPPING.
THE LATEST FIGURES.

The Returns compiled by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, just sent to us by the Hongkong Agency, show that there were 781 merchant vessels of 2,816,773 tons gross under construction in the United Kingdom at the close of the quarter ended 30th September, 1919.

Of these 783 were steel steamships, 39 steel sailing ships, 21 of ferro-concrete (both steam and sail) and 8 of wood. No fewer than 275 of the ships were over 5,000 tons.

The tonnage now under construction in the United Kingdom is about 293,000 tons more than that which was in hand at the end of last quarter, and about 1,070,000 tons more than the tonnage building 12 months ago.

Of the merchant vessels being built in the United Kingdom at the end of September, 617 of 2,230,924 tons are under the inspection of the Surveyors of Lloyd's Register with a view to classification by this Society.

A table of merchant vessels under construction throughout the world shows a total of 2,163 steam vessels leaving 1,366 steam ships being built outside Britain. The total steam tonnage being constructed was 7,812,694, Britain handling 2,800,929 tons. Sailing vessels totalled 223, Britain building 42 of these. The world's gross steam and sail tonnage being constructed was 8,048,582 tons (2,228 ships). Britain's share being 2,816,773 (781 ships).

The development of the United States as a shipbuilding country is shown by the fact that at the close of the quarter under review she was constructing 767 steel and wood steam and sailing ships, of a gross tonnage of 3,470,748 tons. Of these ships 174 were of wood. The British Dominions were building 174 ships, Holland 113, Italy 108, Norway 73, Japan 64 (all steel), France 64, and Sweden 64. The figures for Germany were not available.

The tonnage being built in the World at the end of September under the inspection of the Surveyors of Lloyd's Register, excluding vessels the construction of which has not actually been commenced and excluding all vessels of less than 100 tons, amounts to 4,834,805 tons.

FOOTBALL.

NEXT SATURDAY'S PROGRAMME.

The matches arranged for Saturday next should provide good sport, and after Saturday each Club will have played one another. The Navy on Saturday last lost a valuable point, but South China have only to produce the same form in their remaining matches to upset most of the teams in the league. They should register a win against the Police who will have great difficulty in holding South China's nippy forwards. St. Joseph's have not settled down to their proper game yet, and with the exception of their match with South China, have not shown the same good form as last season, but they have not placed a full side in the field excepting when they played South China. If they play at full strength on Saturday, the Club will need to be all out to win. The R.A. will go on up-setting form as they did last year and the Navy will find them sturdy opponents. Club De Recreo and South China (B) and (A) should win their matches in the Second Division of the League. The games, grounds, etc., for Saturday are as follow:—

1ST DIVISION LEAGUE.

Hongkong Club v. St. Joseph's. Club ground, kick-off 4 p.m., referee Mr. J. Coaker.
Hongkong Police v. South China. Military Ground, kick-off 4 p.m., referee Lt. Snook, R.A.
Royal Navy v. R. G. A. Navy Ground, kick-off 4 p.m., referee Mr. Townsend.

2ND DIVISION LEAGUE.

St. Joseph's v. Club De Recreo. Club ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m., referee Lt. Thornton.
South China B. v. United F.C. Navy Ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m., referee Mr. Sykes.
South China A. v. Indian R.C. Military ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m., referee Mr. Langford.

The Staff game originally fixed with the South China (B) has been cancelled owing to the Staff being unable to raise a team on Saturday and the United F.C. have secured the fixture. The Chief Clubs in the 2nd Division—the Staffs, Navy, Kowloon and Hongkong Club Reserves—will be without matches on Saturday.

QUIZ.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club in their match with St. Joseph's:—G. Rodgers, F. Black, and J. MacCubbin; M. L. Raiton, J. Stewart and J. Rodger; J. B. Hamilton, A. Boysen, D. Riechelmann, H. M. McTavish (Capt) and E. Ellis.

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How a practical joke leads to a very real crisis in the lives of two young people and how a bet-inspired flirtation on the part of a young lady eventually finds for her the real man of her choice is the burden of the play put on at the Theatre Royal last evening by the Frawley Company before quite a good house. The play is a strong comedy that approaches at times the melodramatic and right from the rise of the curtain to its final fall interest is maintained in a high degree.

A very primitive, and therefore all the more human, man is made love to by a young lady at the house where they are staying. She is an "engaged" young lady and when the proposal comes she has to refuse. Jack is then told by others of the bet that caused the flirtation to be made and in his anger he serves out some very strong truths, not only to the members of the party but to the girl. Resenting these she taunts him and he forcibly abducts her out of the house and takes her by motor car to his country house. When he attempts to kiss her she stuns him with a telephone instrument, but before flight she bandages him up. After quite a deal of side play, the story ends with her coming back of her own free will, realising that this is the man she really loves.

Miss Vera Doria sustained the leading role with her usual great ability, and Mr. Albert Morrison made a strong character as Jack. Mr. Frawley, as the lunatic who imagines himself to be Napoleon, provided some really good humour, and Mr. Homer Barton, as an American newspaper man, was quite realistic. There was a large cast, all the members of which helped to sustain the high standard of the Company.

This evening is being given "The Man Who Came Back".

EXCHANGE.

THE DROP IN THE DOLLAR.

Exchange is now weaker and lower than on Monday. The importers here are buying forward, and that is one of the factors accounting for the decline. On the other hand, exporters are watching for an opportunity to sell. The Shanghai market is not firm.

Usually when the silver rate registers an advance, the gold price declines. To-day it is not so. Gold has gone up in sympathy with silver. This is explained in the following way. The double eagle dollar has been getting scarce in Hongkong, because there has been a very free export of the metal from here to the Straits Settlements. This would not have effected the market were it not that shipments from New York did not arrive in time to meet the local demand. An additional factor working towards a high double eagle was the drop in exchange.

The rate on India has suffered a setback as well. Working on the report that the Indian rupee cross rate on London has been fixed at 2s. 0½d., the local importers of yarn from India purchased heavily from Banks to meet their yarn bills. This panicky feeling on the part of the yarn merchants is reflected in the lower rate for the rupee. On the 22nd instant T.T. on India was 239. To-day it 225. The local Banks when they sell to the yarn merchants find it difficult to get cover. That is why lesser rupees are obtained now for the Hongkong dollar.

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A STRANGE IMPULSE.

London—Henry Bohle, an ex-soldier, who was wounded four times, has been ordered to be confined in an asylum because he killed his sweetheart. Bohle was playing with a razor, when he suddenly drew it across the girl's throat. "It was an irresistible impulse," he explained. "I had no reason to do such a thing."

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It is stated that four hundred people were killed in the disturbances, and that Colonel (formerly Major) Robertson, who is well-known in Hongkong, was slightly wounded in the chin, whilst Captain Edwards received a wound in the knee. The American flagship Brooklyn is reported to have fired a shell over the town.

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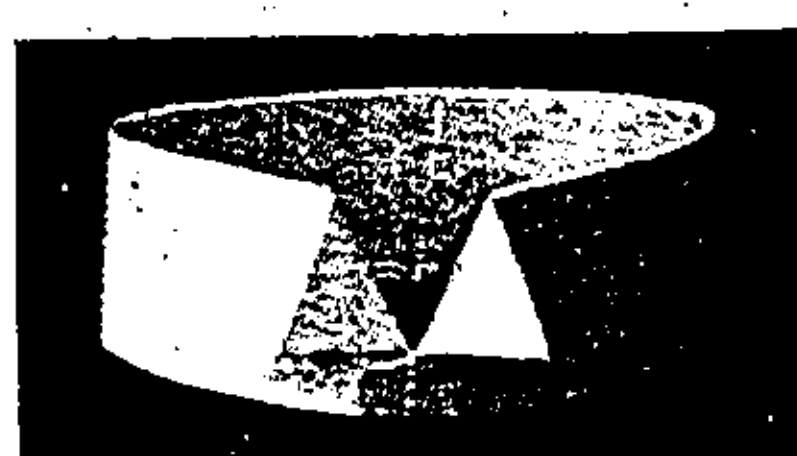
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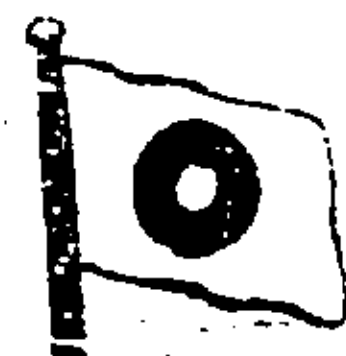
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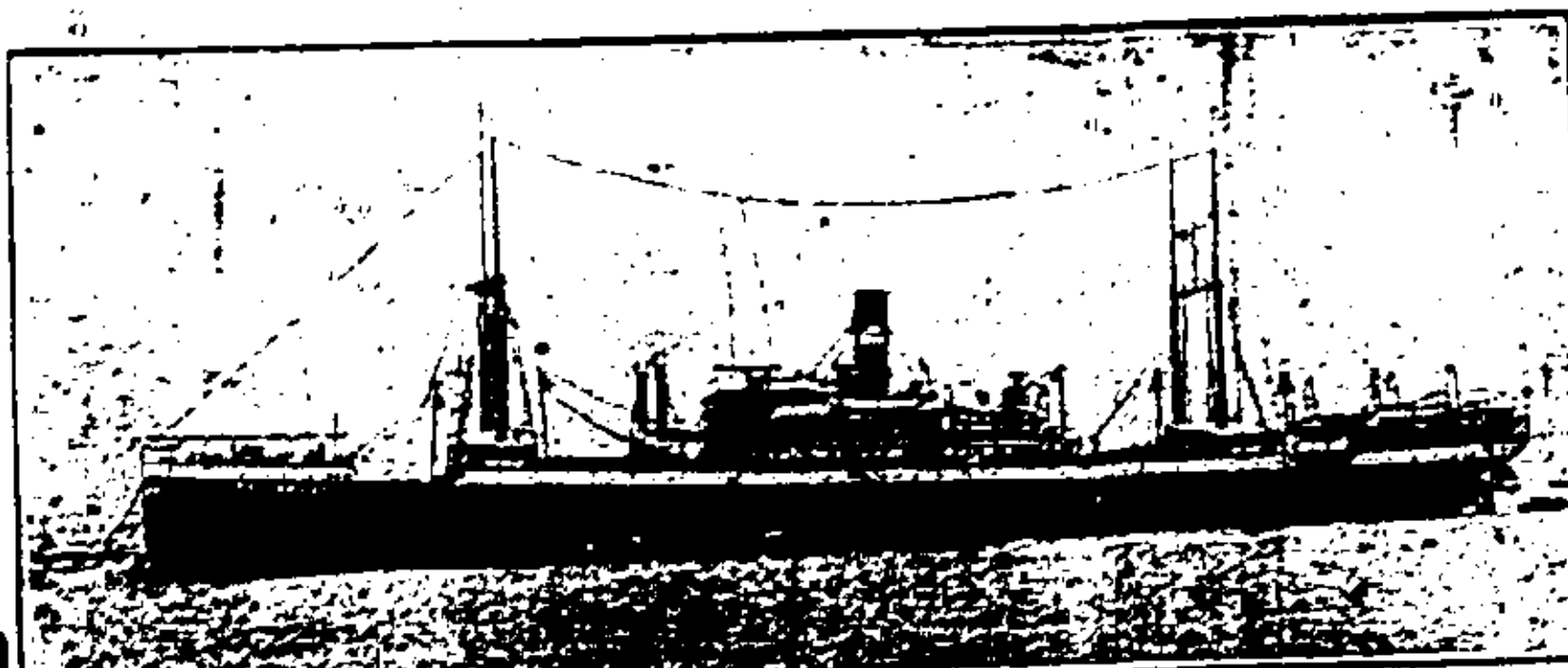
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The Y. N. K. s.s. ASIA MARU (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Singapore on the 12th Nov. and is expected here on the 1st Dec.

The P. & O. s.s. ARRATOON APCAR left Singapore for this port on the 23rd instant at p.m. and is due here on the 29th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SHINRYU MARU (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 21st Nov. and is expected here on the 8th Dec.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN arrived at Nagasaki on 9 a.m. 24th Nov., leaves there 3 p.m. 24th Nov. and is due at Kobe on 5 p.m. 25th Nov.

The Pacific Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of telegraphic advice from its Manila Office to the effect that the s.s. ECUADOR, Voyage 15 Out, left San Francisco on November 19th.

TIDE TABLE.

24th to 30th November, 1919.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Water Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Low Water Hongkong Mean time	Height
		h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.
Mon. 24		11 39	48	4 40	15
		9 38a	79	3 28a	38
Tues. 25		10 23a	74	5 19	14
		10 58a	48	3 55a	40
Wed. 26		10 44a	45	5 59	15
		10 45a	42	5 59	15
Thurs. 27		1 51a	45	6 41	16
		11 15a	73	4 40a	43
Fri. 28		2 39a	45	7 26	19
		3 52a	70	8 16a	22
Sat. 29		11 28a	47	9 8a	42
				5 49a	46
Sun. 30		1 3	66	4 9	24
		4 13	51	7 47	46

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

D'ANNUNZIO'S ENTERPRISES.

London, Nov. 22.
The situation in the Adriatic as the result of D'Annunzio's activities is very grave. The censorship in Rome was lifted for the first time since the Zara raid yesterday, when a semi-official account of D'Annunzio's landing was issued. This and the semi-official message from Belgrade indicate that D'Annunzio aims at annexing Dalmatia and attacking Montenegro, while it is hinted in Reuter's Rome correspondent's statement that some of D'Annunzio's partisans are counting on support from interior Italy and planning seditious action in Italy itself. Jugo-Slavia is now in a white heat of indignation and the semi-official Belgrade message speaks of "prompt decisions against the Italian rebels."

THE PEACE TREATY.

Paris, Nov. 21.
The Supreme Peace Council will strive to make the Treaty of Versailles go into effect on December 1.—Havas.
Paris, Nov. 23.
The departure of the German delegate Simon for Berlin is commented on. Simon says he must consult his Government regarding the new conventions, notably as regards failure to carry out certain clauses of the armistice. It is declared that this will prevent ratification of the Treaty by December 1st as fixed.

UNREST IN EGYPT.

Alexandria, Nov. 18.
Troops have been posted at commanding points and armoured cars and cavalry are patrolling. All is quiet. The entry of the troops is welcomed very thankfully by the Europeans. There was an innovation in demonstrations today, small girls walking in front of the bier of the funeral of a man killed in the disturbances and boys forming vanguard and rearward. When the mob last night searched the tramcars for officers and soldiers an officer escaped, being hidden by respectable natives under their robes.

BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORT.

London, Nov. 22.
The War Office announces that between August, 1914, and 31st October last 236,000 hours, excluding the Air Force, were awarded for services in the field and 13,252 for other war services, whereof the Indian forces were awarded 6,317 and 157 respectively. The total includes 577 Victoria Crosses and 5,885 Distinguished Service Crosses. The total number of officers and men in the British Army during wartime approximated 6,100,000. In the South African War 418,423 participated and the honours awarded totalled 3,714.

AMERICAN COALMINERS.

Washington, Nov. 23.
The Acting President of the Miners' Union, on behalf of the bituminous coalminers, accepted the Secretary for Labour's proposal for a wage advance of 24 per cent. for day labourers and twenty-seven cents per ton for hewers. The mine owners have declined to meet the increases to the miners proposed by the Secretary for Labour unless the Government assumes responsibility for the added burden to the consumers.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

New York, Nov. 23.
The Prince of Wales sailed for Halifax aboard the Renown amid salutes from the forts and blowing of whistles by the vessels.
A great crowd on the banks of the Hudson stormily cheered as the Renown put harbour to a thunderous roar of guns from the American warships. A huge procession of motor cars pursued the Renown along the banks of the river for miles. The Prince was last seen waving his cap from the fighting top.

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

Washington, Nov. 23.
The International Labour Conference has agreed to an eight hour day and forty-eight hour week, with safeguards for the interests of exceptional industries. It also agreed to apply this principle to transportation by sea. Details are to be worked out by a special Conference.

THE ITALIAN ELECTIONS.

Rome, Nov. 22.
The final election results in Italy are: Socialists, 185; Catholics, 100; Liberals, 161; Reformist Socialists, 16; Democrats, 23; Republicans, 9; Ex-Soldiers, 23; Democratic Radicals, 1; Nationalists, 2; Independents, 3; Socialist Radicals, 1; Independent Socialists, 1.

FIRE ON EX-GERMAN BOAT.

London, Nov. 22.
The Peninsular ex-German liner, Prinz Hubertus, has arrived after her first voyage from the east. She has been partially destroyed by fire, at the Albert Dock. It is hoped that much of the cargo will be saved.

GERMANS IN THE BALTIC PROVINCES.

Berlin, Nov. 31.
The Germans evacuated Mitau, the Iron Division retreating in good order.

SOBER-ENGLAND.

A DECREASE IN DRUNKENNESS.

A notable decrease in convictions for drunkenness, which began in the latter months of 1914—the first year of the war—has persisted throughout the three succeeding years, was continued in 1918, but at a somewhat lower rate.

In every month of the year the figures were lower than in the previous year, and the total of 39,075 convictions is the lowest on record, and is 84.61 per cent. below the total for 1913.

The facts are given in the Licensing Statistics for 1918, relating to England and Wales, and issued as a Blue Book.

Following are the totals of convictions for the six years:—

Years.	Men.	Women.
1913	153,112	35,765
1914	148,517	37,311
1915	102,600	33,211
1916	62,946	21,245
1917	34,103	12,307
1918	31,553	7,222

Comparing the first and the last of this series of years, it will be seen that, while the total in 1913 was 188,877, it had fallen in 1918 to 39,075, or 84.61 per cent. below the 1913 total.

The proportion of the total convictions contributed by Greater London was 34.9 per cent.

On January 1, 1918, there were 84,644 on-licensed premises and 24,473 off-licenses a total of 109,117, giving 32.69 on-licenses and 6.63 off-licenses to every 10,000 persons. The decrease in the number of on-licenses in 1917 was 629, a slight increase on the preceding year.

In 1917 the decrease in off-licenses was 2,460, in 1918 it will probably prove to have been about 589.

At the beginning of 1916 there were 7,972 registered clubs, and it is estimated that the number of clubs at the beginning of the present year was 8,045, an increase of 73.

RASPUTIN'S SLAYER ROBBED.

ROYAL JEWELS LOST FROM PRINCE'S FLAT.

Prince Felix Youssouffoff, a member of the Russian Royal Family and the slayer of Rasputin, has been robbed in London of Royal jewels of the value of £7,000 under most mysterious circumstances.

The police are extremely reticent about the matter, but a Daily Chronicle representative gathered the following particulars:—

Shortly before the abdication of the Tsar a quantity of valuable jewellery was removed to this country and deposited in various banks for safe custody. Among the gems were a hundred Cape diamonds, which were left with a West-end jeweller near Victoria Station by Prince Felix Youssouffoff.

JEWELS REMOVED.
During the past week, it is said, the Prince removed the jewels to his flat at Parkside, Knightsbridge.

On Monday night he dined in the West-end, and later invited a number of friends to his rooms. A convivial time was spent, and in the early morning, when all his guests had departed, the Prince missed the packet of diamonds.

The police at Walton-street and Scotland Yard were informed, and some of the most astute detectives in London have been inquiring into the matter, but so far they have failed to trace the gems.

PRINCE'S CAREER.

Prince Youssouffoff is the son of a former Governor-General of Moscow, and is married to the Grand Duchess Irene, daughter of the Grand Duke Alexander Mikailovich and of the Grand Duchess Zenia, sister of the late Emperor. He received part of his education at Oxford, and some years ago was a popular figure in London society. He was spending his honeymoon in London just before the war broke out in 1914.

He decided to return at once to Russia, but on reaching the German frontier was arrested. After some difficulty his release was procured, and he returned to his native land, and became attached to a Cossack regiment.

It will be recalled that Rasputin was murdered in the Petrograd mansion of Prince Youssouffoff.

The Prince has always been very fond of fancy dress balls, and on one occasion he caused quite a sensation by appearing at the Three Arts Ball, at the Albert Hall, in Russian dress literally covered with jewels.

N.E.W. ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on
SATURDAY, 1st 18th Nov. 1919.
commencing at 11 a.m.

at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Tinned Provision

Comprising:—
11 cases Booth's Herring
29 " Neptune Tomato Sardine
19 " Underwood Sardine
19 " Red Lable Sardine
35 " White Star Sardine
43 " Home Run Sardine
19 " Crescent Baking Powder
19 " Pickles
14 " Honey
47 " Assorted Jam
1 " Essence of Coffee
1 " Culinary Essence

N.B.—The above are fresh stores.

On view from Friday, the 27th inst.

Terms: Cash on delivery.
Geo. P. LAMMERT
Auctioneer.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS AT THE TEA DANSANTS.

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J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "KOREA MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO via
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS

The above named Steamer having arrived Tuesday, November, 25th.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present the Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Saturday, November, 29th.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godowns, where same will be examined on Wednesday, December 3rd, at 10 A.M.

No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever, will be effected.

T. DAIGO,
Manager.
Hongkong, 25th November, 1919.

NOTICE.

ITALIAN CONVENT.

BAZAAR—BAZAAR—BAZAAR

On Saturday, 29th November, 1919,

and the following day.

Commencing each day at 10 a.m.
Ladies' Dresses, Children's Frocks, Table Covers, Handkerchiefs, Boys' Tunic and Sailor Suits, and Jerseys,

In a large variety of style.

N.B.—No ticket can be exchanged for Souvenir if presented after 30th November, 1919, after which date the Bazaar will be closed.

"LUCKY W L L" OF TOYS!

Children's Stall of Xmas Toys, Dolls, Balls, etc. Sweets and Confectionery of every description.

Ladies and Gentlemen cordially invited. All Children welcome.

Hongkong, 28th Nov., 1919.



HONGKONG FUND FOR DEVASTATED FRANCE.

SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

At Happy Valley.

GYMKHANA

Admission ... \$1.00.

Tickets Now On Sale.

The Race of the day

"ST. ANDREW'S CUP"

H. E. The Governor has kindly consented to give away the cups at the conclusion of the meeting.

MONDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

At the Theatre Royal,

at 9.15 p.m.

LECTURE

By Mlle. H. Van der Flier.

Booking at Moutrie's.—Seats to any part of the Theatre \$1.00 each. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform 20 cents each.

The Chair will be taken by His Honour Sir William Rees Davies, Kt., K.C.

The lecture will be illustrated by moving pictures of intense interest, among which is shown the bombardment of Antwerp. The photographs were taken from an aeroplane and German shells are plainly seen bursting over the town.

A quantity of beautiful bronze plaques specially designed for the Fund by a famous Belgian artist will be sold by ladies before and after the lecture. A number of these plaques were purchased by the Belgian Government for presentation to ladies in foreign countries who had helped in collecting money on behalf of the destitute and suffering people. Price \$3.00 each.

Do not fail to purchase one of these beautiful plaques of historic value. It will serve to remind you of the great victory of Freedom over Tyranny.

At Volunteer Headquarters.

FRIDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

From 9 p.m. to 12 midnight.

GRAND MASKED BALL.

Prizes will be given for the most Attractive Dominoes.

Admission ... \$5.00 each.

including light refreshments.

SATURDAY, 20th DECEMBER,

at 3 p.m.

Admission ... \$1.00.

CABARET, TOMBOLA,

DANCING, TEA, ETC.

Also

THE "EVERYTHING" STALL

DANCING will continue until Midnight.

Motto for 19th & 20th December:

"DANCE FOR DEVASTATED FRANCE."

G. R.

NOTICE

All persons with the exception of persons of Chinese race, wishing to leave the Colony must have in their possession a VALID PASSPORT. Passengers not in possession of passports will not be allowed to leave the Colony.

All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G. P. O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

E. D. C. WOLFE,

C. S. P.

Hongkong, 5th September 1919.

NOTICES.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 1st day of December, 1919, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Wanchai Gap Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Containing in square feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
		N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Wanchai Gap Road	100	100	100	100	40,000	\$100	\$1,000

NOTICE.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

In order to enable the contractors to complete the work in connection with the above hotel, at the earliest possible date without interruption, and in order to avoid all possibility of damage to the flooring, tiles, paint work, etc. The public are requested to kindly abstain from visiting the Hotel as on and from this date until its completion and formal opening of which due notice will be given by Advertisement in the local newspapers.

The Management of the Hotel feel sure that they may rely upon the ready co-operation of the public in the foregoing regard.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1919.

For the

HONGKONG HOTEL Co., Ltd.

Proprietors of the

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

J. H. TAGGART,

Manager.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG POLICE

Owing to other arrangements the Hongkong Police Victory Ball will take place at the City Hall on Tuesday 16th December, 1919, instead of the 19th December, 1919, as previously announced.

W. HENDERSON,

Hon. Secretary

Central Police Station

P. & O. S. N. COY.

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NOTICE.

MOTOR SCHOONER

"WERGELAND."

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the above Schooner as she lies in damaged condition in Shimonoseki Harbour. For particulars apply to Mariu Shokwa, Shimonoseki.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

The St. Andrew's Meeting in aid of The devastated Villages of France Fund to be held at the HAPPY VALLEY at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 29th November 1919.

By kind permission of Capt. R. G. H. Henderson, C.B. and Officers, the Band of the H.M.S. Hawkins, and also by kind permission of Major T. M. Wakefield and Officers the Pipers of the H. K. S. R.G.A. will play during the afternoon.

ENTRANCE \$1.00.

It is hoped that Members of the Jockey and Gymkhana Clubs will purchase Tickets and not avail themselves of their Season Tickets.

H.B.L. DOWBIGGIN

Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION

It is proposed to form an Association to promote boxing competitions in the Colony. All those interested in the project are requested to attend at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, Prince's Buildings, (First Floor) on Thursday the 27th instant, at 5.30 p.m.

N. J. GEDGE

F. C. JENKIN

J. C. WILDIN

BREVITIES.

Aluminum has been made to conduct electricity.

Coal heaters have been placed in orange groves to keep the frost from spoiling the crop too soon.

Woman suffrage will add 15,000,000 to 18,000,000 new voters in the United States.

Charles Third of Germany, in 879, adopted the phrase "year of Our Lord."

The word dollar comes from a sixteenth century German silver coin, the joachimstaler.

Burke, British statesman, gave to the press the designation "the fourth estate."

Reinforced concrete piles are made to drive themselves in by the aid of jets of water.

Nearly 700,000 wine gallons of industrial alcohol is made daily in the United States.

Solid and tubular drills, circular saws and lathe tools used by builders of the pyramids have been discovered.

Light, traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles a second, would take 18 centuries to reach the nearest star.

An astronomer has come forth with the belief that the temperature of the centre of the sun is not more than 10,000 degrees centigrade.

One of the world's greatest irrigation schemes is the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, comprising 1,250,000 acres, in New South Wales.

Timbers for a temple in North Japan were hauled to place with ropes made from the hair of women of the province. One was 17 inches thick, 1400 feet long.

The deepest spot known in the ocean is in the South Atlantic, between the island of Tristan d'Acun and the mouth of the Rio de la Plata. It is eight and three-quarters miles deep there.

The fourth of March was chosen for presidential inauguration

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CONSIGNEES.

STRUTHERS & DIXON INC.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SEATTLE

THE Steamship

"ELKHORN."

having arrived, from Seattle via
ports, on November 24th, 1919,
consignees are hereby notified
that their cargo is being landed
at their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra-hazardous godowns
of the Hongkong & Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon and stored at consignees
risk.

Consignees of cargo must pro-
duce an Import Permit signed
by the Superintendent of Imports
& Exports, Hongkong, before
Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed.

All broken, chafed and dam-
aged cargo is to be left in
the Godowns where it will be
examined at 10 a.m. on Decem-
ber 1st, 1919, by the Company's
surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael &
Clarke.

All claims must be presented
within thirty days of the steam-
er's arrival here, after which they
cannot be recognized. No claims
will be recognized after the goods
have left the Godowns, and cargo
undelivered on and after Decem-
ber 1st, 1919, will be subject to
rent.

No fire insurance whatever
will be effected.

Consignees are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignatures immediately.

STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC.
Agents.

1st floor, Powell's Building,

12, Des Vœux Road, Ctl.

Hongkong, 24th Nov., 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN
LINE.

From NEW YORK.

The Steamship

"CITY OF NEWCASTLE."

having arrived. Consignees of
cargo are hereby informed that
all goods are being landed at their
risk into the Hazardous and/or
extra hazardous Godowns of the
Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, whence
delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the Godowns,
and all goods remaining unde-
livered after the 30th November
will be subject to rent.

All claims against steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before the 7th
December, 1919, or they will not
be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged
goods are to be left in the Go-
downs, where they will be ex-
amined on any Tuesdays & Fri-
days between the hours of 10.45
a.m. and noon, within the free
storage period.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed by

THE BANK LINE LTD.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1919.

THE DISABLED.

HOW TO INCREASE OUTPUT.

The King's appeal to employers
to engage the services of disabled
men adds a fresh and urgent in-
terest to that remarkable develop-
ment of industrial economy which
is known as "Taylorism," and
which has been subject recently
to various improvements and
modifications. The essence of
this research work is the elimina-
tion of waste. It has been proved
that artisans exert in every
operation a great deal of un-
necessary energy, perform many
useless movements, and generally
spend upon unproductive activity
what should be devoted to pro-
ductive effort.

The subject was touched upon
in the Times some time ago in
connection with work at an iron
foundry. Its more immediate
application is, however, to the
requirements and abilities of
disabled soldiers. Thanks to a
careful and scientific study of
method of work it has been found
possible to realize the energies of
men severely crippled, and to
make such adjustments in
methods of work that these may
become producers in a very real
sense of the word.

The essence of the new doctrine
is the adaptation of the work to
the man, not of the man to the
work. Various methods have
been evolved. For example, a
rearrangement of surroundings,
equipment and tools may be
carried out, or slight modifications
of machinery may be made. Again,
the method in which the work is
done may be altered so that some
other member of the worker's
body may be enabled to perform
the task that was previously
undertaken by the maimed or
disabled member.

This system was rather patchy,
however, until the Gilbreths pro-
duced their special method,
known as the "Simultaneous
Cycle Motion Chart." This chart
records the result of a careful
analysis of the movements made
by each member of the body in
performing any special task, and
gives in addition the times oc-
cupied by each movement. The
analysis is made by means of a
series of photographs of the
movements taken in a very
special manner.

Any motion cycle consists of
various elements, such as
"Search," "Find," "Grasp," and
so on. It is thus possible, when
the chart is complete, to see
exactly what each member is
doing. Given a maimed worker,
it becomes possible by a study of
the chart—i.e., the chart of a man
in normal possession of his
powers—to see if or how the work
can be adapted to a new set of
circumstances. For example, the
worker has lost his left arm. His
task requires both arms and both
legs, but on looking at the chart
we find that two-thirds of the
operation is right arm, the left
arm actually accomplishing com-
paratively little. We find that
where both arms are employed
simultaneously the left is only
"transporting empty." In this
case it is likely that the left arm's
operations can be transferred,
with a slight change in the
conditions, either to the right arm
or the feet. Thus a maimed man
regains full working capacity.

It is evident that there is here
a new hope for the disabled man,
and that if those patriotic employ-
ers who have elected to engage
the services of broken soldiers
would interest themselves in this
work they would reap a large
benefit in output and in personal
satisfaction.

BUILDING AT HANKOW.

It is stated that an American
concern is to build in Hankow
during the winter months a new
steamer for the Ichang-Chung-
king run.

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T/T India	222
Demand, India	222
T/T San Francisco	101 1/4
& New York	263
T/T Java	Nom.
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	980
Demand, Paris	—

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30 d/s. Sydney and	5/2 3/4
Melbourne	—
30 d/s. San Francisco	103
& New York	222
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	1015
6 m/s. France	1026
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	101 1/2
T/T Bombay	222
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EXIT WIG AND GOWN.

Nothing apparently, is sacred
any more. A number of British
barristers have declared war—or
if not war a strike—against the
wig and gown. There is one at
Jerabagon, in India, who cannot
stand them at any price. When
he appeared in court without
them he was called to order by
the Magistrate. "As a human
being," said the legal Bolshevik,
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to looking like a vulture. Also
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hot, and the gown is artistically
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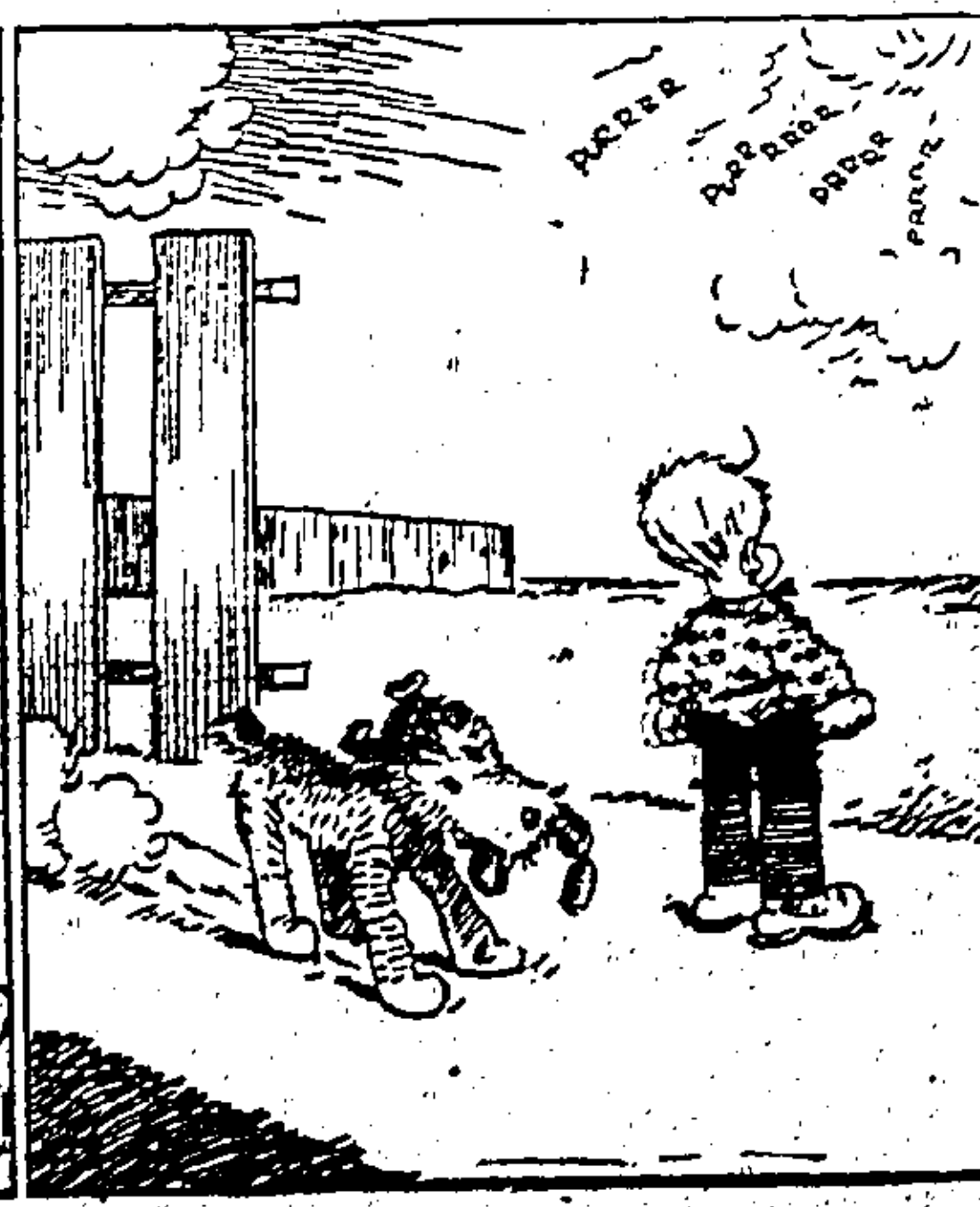
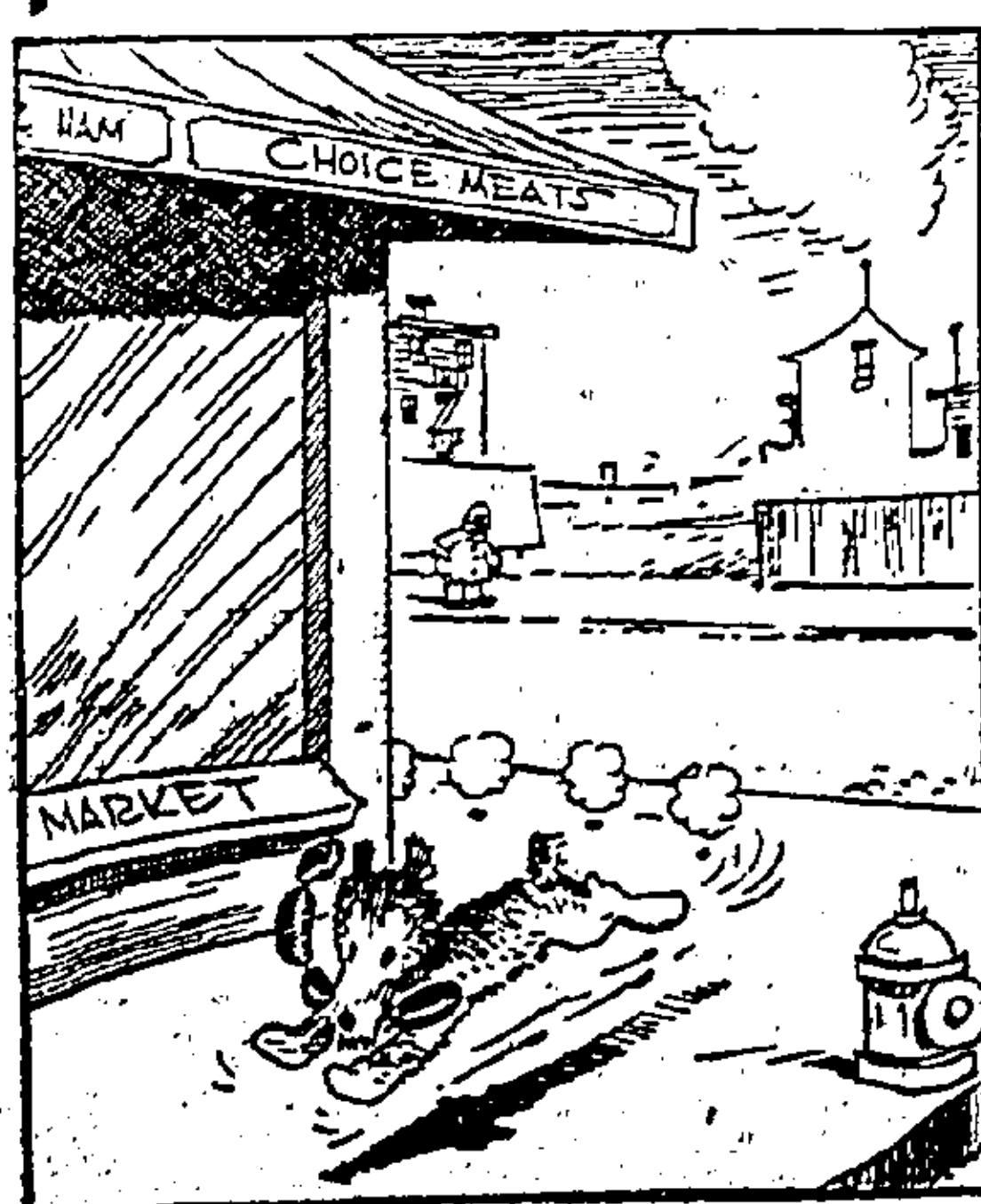
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Jumbo Must Have a Guilty Conscience!

BY BLOSSER



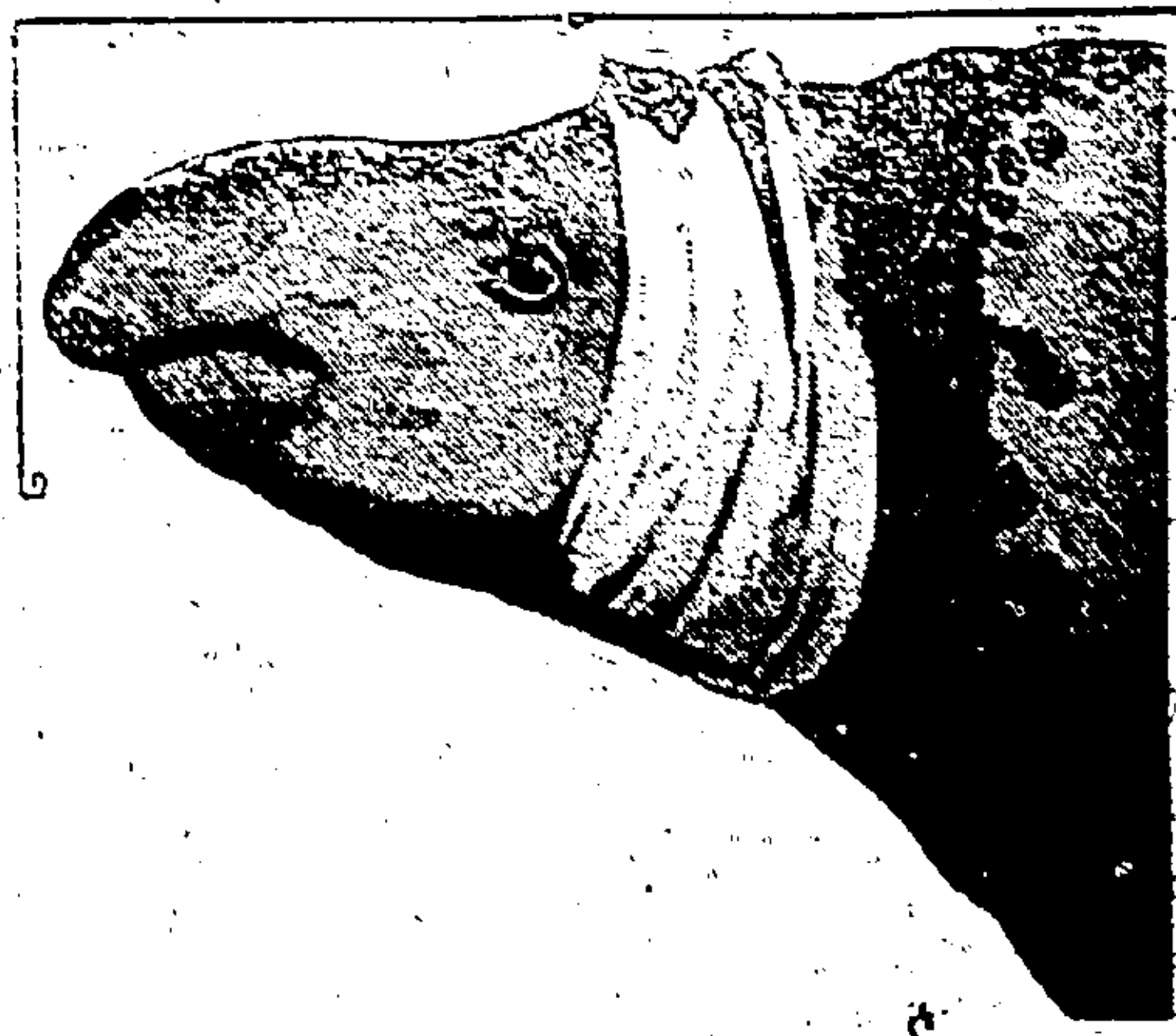
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Prince Carol, Crown Prince of Roumania, fell in love with Mlle. Zizi Bambrino, a beautiful girl well known in the best Roumanian society. They were romantically married before a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church at Odessa recently, after the bridegroom had renounced all right to the Roumanian throne for himself and his heirs.



Above are some of the miners' delegates to the Washington Conference. The coal strike is still unsettled.



The above picture shows a tapir at the London Zoo under treatment for the mumps!



Photo shows President Poincare arriving at the Pointe de Grave for the cornerstone ceremonies of the great monument to be erected by France in commemoration of America's entry into the War.



Above are seen Mrs. S.E.J. Cox and her little son, who recently flew from Chicago to Houston, Texas.



Mr. Kumasaki, the Japanese Consul General at New York, who declares that his country would "make itself ridiculous" if it failed to return Shantung as per agreement.

COURTESY.

THE COUPON SYSTEM EFFECT.

Mr. M. A. Kinross, has written to the *Daily Chronicle*:—The coupon has eliminated courtesy, one is inclined to think, for is not courtesy the fine flower of competition, whether that competition be social or commercial, of the drawing room or the shop?

Registration is rather like marriage; when one is married one is registered (in the vestry) for life with one individual, with the result that, competition being removed, he becomes—we will not say less courteous—but less attentive certainly.

Some tradesmen even take the view that the return of plenty will not bring the return of politeness. I heard of a butcher who told his customers, "No more coupons. Plenty of everything soon, ladies, without coupons. Except courtesy, you won't get that."

"Then I think we should have coupons for courtesy," said one brave customer. My butcher gives us, not courtesy, but a better thing: unfailing good-humour and geniality. At first I thought, there must really be coupons for courtesy at his shop, when I saw ladies outdoing the classic Alphonse and Alfred in giving place in the queue and motioning each other forward: "You come first." "No, I am sure you turn is next."

Alas! I was soon disillusioned; it was the usual selfishness of human nature. They had counted down the queue and found who would be served by "Charlie" (his fellow-assistants call him Charlie), and were willing to wait for the privilege. No large, fat man ever

looked so absurdly like a round-faced baby, and though he occasionally says: "Do you wonder I'm getting 'art-faced?' one entirely fails to perceive it."

I am a new customer, comparatively speaking, so he had ceased his lament: "To think that I should come to servin' foreign meat!" But as he weighs out he still utters that word "foreign"—well, as the Englishman always utters it, only with a threefold invidiousness. He will never commend any cut to you; you take it at your own risk, unless he can lean forward and say in a confidential and impressive whisper: "A little piece of English rump!"

"Oh, it won't drip," he said, seeing me stand under a pendant carcass: "been dead for years!" or, more personally, when I objected to the dark plum-colour of a segment I was about

to receive. "You'd be this colour, too, if you'd been dead for years." I did not doubt it, but it hardly enhanced the appeal.

He may ask you if you would like a bit of fat with your English portion—"but 'twill be foreign fat"—and when you hesitate over the mesalliance, the immixture of alien nationality: "Perhaps 'twould only spoil the taste," he remarks.

I established myself with him by asking one morning: "Any meat, or only mummy?" He took it up with pleasure and served it out across the counter. "Only mummy, to-day, no meat. Have a steak from Pharaoh's grandmother? I don't know whether there's any gravy in granny, but she's not tough."

The humour is not the most exquisitely refined, but it is good-tempered. That is the secret, the whole reason why Charlie's dis-

paragement succeeds better than another's assurance: "I'll eat beautiful!"

Charlie can be greatly daring and depend on his personality to carry it off. And, after all, it's not had policy: if you get a piece of English you put up with toughness for the sake of the "sup-huns" in it—as my old cook used to say—and if it's foreign have you not been made to understand the fact disarms all criticisms and disowns all responsibility?

LUCKY CRYSTALS.

Honolulu—There is an unprecedented demand for "olivines," the diamond-like crystals found in lava from Mt. Pele. These stones are called "Hawaiian Diamonds" and are of various colours—brown, yellow, scarlet—as well as white. Wearing of them is said to insure luck.

THE GOLF STYMIE.

WHY IT SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

Mr. Frank M. Carruthers writes to the *Daily Chronicle*:—

In befriending the stymie and giving it another lease of life, the Rules of Golf Committee have legislated for the minority of golfers. The majority of players have for long roundly condemned it. But it is not improbable that the committee, in giving their opinion of either one section or the other, their decree merely represents their own personal views.

The reason given for the retention of the stymie is truly quaint. The committee said they had "no intention of removing the fun and skill which stymies provide." Fun

indeed! There can only be one person who can see any humour in a stymie, and it is certainly not the one who has to make the attempt to negotiate it.

The latter, with true philosophy, may merely shrug his shoulders and accept the situation as a rub of the green, but at the best it creates a feeling that is akin to disgust. It isn't cricket, if one may borrow a phrase.

That the shot to "beat" a stymie demands high skill is admitted. Indeed, the shot is so difficult that it is very rarely accomplished, at any rate when there is real importance attaching to the result. You may make it successfully at the second attempt but then nothing matters, for you have then either lost the hole or only halved it when you felt that you ought to have won it.

In his long and very remarkable memorandum of the amateur

championship, Mr. Hilton remembers only six stymies successfully negotiated in the event.

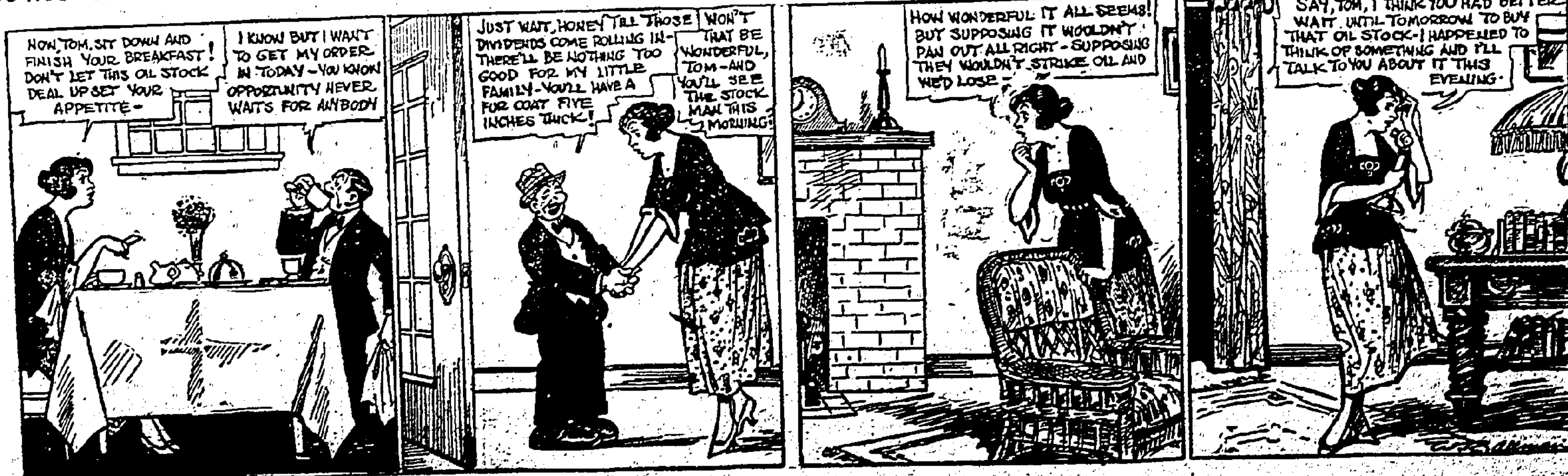
Of course, we shall continue honourably to observe the stymie—the players will agree amongst themselves to cut it out and not count—but agitation for its elimination is bound to recur. It is a little curious that the professionals have offered no opinion on the subject, but I do not think it can be taken for granted that this silence implies consent. It does not concern them greatly, as most of their competitions, including the championship, as decided by stroke-play.

It seems as if one glaring example of the unfairness of the stymie were needed to put an end to it. Imagine a stymie on the last green settling the final of an amateur championship. That might do it.

BY ALLMAN.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

Another Thought Suddenly Comes To Helen.



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Hongkong, Nov. 27, 1919.

WEATHER REPORT.

November 27d. 11h. 50m.—No return from Vladivostok and Japan. Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. China, and slightly from Shanghai to Hongkong. It has decreased slightly over the Philippines.

A strong anticyclone is central over N. China.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the China coast and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 73.43 inches against an average of 81.93 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast:

1 Hongkong to Gap Road, N.E. wind, strong; sea.

2 Formosa Channel, The same as No. 1.

3 South coast of China, The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China, The same as No. 1.

5 H.K. and Taiwan, The same as No. 1.

7 F. CLAXTON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, Nov. 27, 1919.

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VESSELS ARRIVED.

The s.s. CHENAN, from Shanghai brought yesterday 6,230 packages for Hongkong and 2,088 packages for Canton.—Mooring, C 16.

The NAGATO MARU, for Kobe, consigned 6,048 tons through and 337 tons for Hongkong. She is a N.Y.K. vessel.—Mooring, B 24.

The HUWA MARU, consigned to the M.B.K., delivered 2,559 tons of coal yesterday.—Mooring, C 34.

The s.s. PANAMA MARU, an O.S.K. vessel, came in yesterday from Singapore with 1,908 tons of copra, rubber, gufii, cotton, pepper and hide and 1,048 tons of rice and rattan.

The KITANO MARU, from London brought 4,700 tons of general merchandise.

From Kobe the INDO MARU, delivered 4,230 tons.—Mooring, B 32.

The s.s. BORNEO MARU, under the agency of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., came in yesterday with 4,000 tons of sugar, matches and wax. She experienced strong wind and heavy sea.—Mooring, E 1.

Rice to the extent of 1,450 tons was delivered by the Chinese steamer KAHU, from Woosung.

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The Money Order Service with the Philippine Islands has been temporarily suspended.

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INWARD MAILS.

Straits—Per DOYLESTOWN, 27th Nov.

Australia and Manila—Per VICTORIA, 28th Nov.

Shanghai—Per SHANTUNG, 28th Nov.

Straits—Per ARRATOON AP-CAR, 29th Nov.

Japan—Per SHINYO MARU, 30th Nov.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 28th Nov., noon.

Philippine Islands—Per LOONG-SANG, 28th Nov., 2 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 28th Nov., 4.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 29th Nov., 8.30 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 29th Nov., 3 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUN CHOW, 29th Nov., 4.30 p.m.

Amoy—Per TITAROEM, 29th Dec., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 30th Nov., 8.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung—Per KALJO M., 30th Nov., 9 a.m.

Heihow Pakhoi & Haiphong—Per KALFONG, 30th Nov., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per CHANGSHA, 1st Dec., Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Straits & Bangkok TIKEM-BANG 1st Dec., 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per KANCHOW, 2nd Dec., 8 a.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central & South America and EUROPE VIA SAN FRANCISCO—Per KOREA MARU, 2nd Dec., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per SHANTUNG, 2nd Dec., 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAICHING, 2nd Dec., noon.

FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE VIA MARSEILLE—Per TAMBA MARU, 5th Dec., Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per QUINNEBAUG, 5th Dec., 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER.

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 9th Dec., 2 p.m.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous.
Day On date On date
at 6 a.m. at 6 a.m.
Barometer 30.05 30.14 30.10
Temperature 66 66 71
Humidity 59 63 63
Wind Direction E. E.N.E. E.
Force 3 3 2
Weather o o b
Rain 0.00 0.00 0.00
Highest open air temperature on the 26th 68
Lowest " " " " 27th 65
H.K. Observatory, Nov. 27, 1919.
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